

Remarks/Arguments

Introductory Comments

This application is technically considered abandoned by failing to reply to the outstanding Office Action as this Amendment is being submitted after six (6) months from the mailing date of the Office Action, July 25, 2002. Applicants have filed a Petition For Revival Of An Application For Patent Abandoned Unintentionally Under 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b) (Large Entity) and a Request for Continued Examination. Copies of the present Amendment and the Request for Continued Examination are attached to the Petition.

Substantive Comments

With the above amendment, claims 1 to 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 16 to 20, 22 to 26, 28, and 30 to 37 remain in this application; claims 5, 7, 10, 13, 15, 21, 27, and 29 are canceled. Applicants note that claims 10, 15, and 21 were withdrawn from consideration in the Office Action. Applicants have canceled these claims to advance prosecution and reserve the right to file a divisional application to those claims.

For the claims that remain in this application, claims 1 to 4, 11, 14, 17, 20, 22, 30, 32, 33, and 35 to 37 are currently amended; the remaining claims in the application either have been previously amended or are as originally filed.

The claims that are currently amended have been amended to further define the invention. For claim 22, applicants note that the prior amendments appear not to be correct with the structure since the claim provides for a method for producing a composition wherein a polymer having isocyanate groups is dissolved in one or more solvents and then reacting the isocyanate groups either partially or fully as set forth in claim 22. The structure shown in the claim prior to the present amendment showed the

resulting polymer from the method, not the polymer reacted. In this regard, see page 12, last paragraph of the page through page 13, to the middle of the page.

In the claims, applicants have indicated that m and o are now greater than zero. In so doing, the rejection of the claims over Ishizuka, Wamprecht, Matsunaga, Kawamura can be excluded since no such polymer having the composition of m and o being simple integers greater than zero is disclosed by such documents.

In addition, amendments have been made to claims 4, 20, 30, and 37 to delete "substituted phenyl" and "substituted benzyl" and as such, these claims are now patentable over Ishizuka, Kato, and Bonham.

As applicants have noted above under "Introductory Comments," a Petition to Revive and a Request for Continued Prosecution are being concurrently filed. Should the Patent Office determine that an extension of time must be also filed in order for this Amendment and Request for Continued Prosecution to be considered, the Patent Office is authorized to consider this statement as such a petition for extension of time and to charge the requisite petition for extension of time fee to Deposit Account No. 03-2060.

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With the above amendments, applicants submit that the claims as presently amended, as well as those previously amended or as filed, are now patentable over the cited documents. Applicant submits that the concerns of the Patent Office have been addressed. Withdrawal of the rejections and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited. The Examiner in charge of the application is invited to contact the undersigned to discuss any concerns.

Respectfully submitted,



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